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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 14, 2009, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL 85b. The fees in the amount of \$1810 for the issue fee (\$1510) and the publication fee (\$300) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply all charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 15540-0009001.

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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